



The Pine Press

Student Housing Corporation

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Chilling with the Ferency crowd

By: Crystal Solosky

Should you ever find yourself wandering down Collingwood, feel free to stop in at friendly Ferency House.

We reside at 146, nestled between Miles and Hedrick. Our home is white with blue trim, has a shed, a back deck on the second floor and nine of the nicest co-oper's anyone could ever hope to live with.

We have seven rooms, three doubles and four singles. Each one is painted and decorated in the occupants' own unique way.

We have two ferrets, a bird and everyone's favorite kitty cat, Liam. We have one common room with a TV and a bunch of non-matching couches, which connects to the dining room and the kitchen. The deck I mentioned before is the site of many a fine b-b-qs.

In fact, most Friday and Saturday nights you can find a good crowd braving the weather in the back as we grill up a feast friends and housemates. We have a shed that needs some love and attention, but as of



right now we are making plans to renovate it for future use. We have a lot of very nice woodwork in our home and one very badly overgrown front yard. Good thing that work weekend is coming up soon.

On the bottom floor are two very fine, upstanding young men. First we have Steve Thelander, a.k.a. Debo. He is an Aries, a grad student who does a lot of work with Habitat for Humanity and participates in the MSU Outing Club.

The door of his front room is often open and you can walk in and have a good long chat about the Lions any time.

In the back we have Brian Hosmer. This crazy Capricorn is one of the best cooks around. His musical taste is almost as delicious as his crepes. Grateful Dead, Miles Davis and a touch of everything in between can be heard wafting out of his room. He also plays guitar, bass and

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Ever pick candy from a vending machine because you think you can get TWO in one? Yeah.



Theatre events around town

By: Fred Longacre

(A disclaimer: I am a member of the Bath Community Theatre Guild, and Icarus Falling, a board member of the Lansing Civic Players, and have produced a show at Riverwalk.)

One of the nice things about living in the Lansing/East Lansing area, is the wide variety of theatrical events. Almost every weekend, there is at least one performance going on somewhere in the area. For example, at MSU, there are two shows coming up.

In the Arena Theatre, there is a performance of the play for colored girls who have considered suicide "When the Rainbow is Enuf," by Ntozake Shange. This show will be performed October 18th-20th and 25th-28th.

And at the Wharton

Pasant Theatre, Hamlet, by William Shakespeare (or Francis Bacon, or Christopher Marlowe, etc.) will be performed November 8th-10th, and 15th-18th. Show times for both shows are at 7:30 PM on Thursday, 8 PM on Friday and Saturday, and 2 PM on Sunday.

At Riverwalk Theatre, the play One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, by Dale Wasserman, will be performed on October 18th-21st, and 25th-28th. Show times for this show will be 7 PM on Thursday, 8 PM on Friday and Saturday, and 2 PM on Sunday.

Also, if you are interested in trying out for a show, Riverwalk will be having auditions for the play Twelfth Night on November 25th and 26th, at 7 PM. For more information, call the office at 482-5700.

The Icarus Falling Theatre Company will be performing the play Spike Heels, by Theresa Rebeck on October 25th, 26th, 27th, and November 2nd and 3rd at 8 PM in the Creole Gallery, at 1218 Turner Street in Old Town. Tickets are \$10 at the door. This play has mature language and content, as it is written by a former staff writer from NYPD Blue.

The Lansing Civic Players will be doing the comedy musical Nuncrackers on November 30th-December 2nd and December 7th-9th at Lansing Catholic Central. Show times are 8 PM on Friday and Saturday night, and 2 PM on Sunday.

If you have ever heard of the musical Nunsense, this is the sequel. The nuns decide to put on a show. Also, for

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Contacting "that other house"

Atlantis	207 Bogue	337-2762
Bower	127 Whitehills	351-4490
Elsworth	711 W. Grand River	337-3236
Ferency	146 Collingwood	332-0846

Hedrick	140 Collingwood	332-0844
Miles	152 Collingwood	337-3990
New Community	425 Ann	351-3820
Orion	501 M.A.C.	332-2517

Phoenix	239 Oakhill	351-3713
Raft Hill	420 Evergreen	337-2977
Shadowood (ΣΠ)	505 M.A.C.	332-3844
Toad Lane	415 Ann	332-3973

Dates to keep in mind for this fall

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Not just for Board Reps! This can be your opportunity to voice your opinions and ideas to the board in a formal manner.

Fall session meetings are Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in 328 of Student Services.

October 29 November 12, 26

E-mail Megan Burt (President) with any questions or concerns at burtmega@msu.edu.

Donuts and cider at next meeting!

POTLUCK DINNERS AT BOWER

Your own VPE found out last Thursday that there is no legitimate excuse for *not* attending a Bower Potluck. The food is delicious, fresh, and plentiful, the people are friendly, smart and accomodating, and the FOOD!!

The next potluck will be Thursday, October 25th at Bower House. Simply bring a vegetarian or vegan dish to pass.

PARTY ON, WAYNE...

Orion is hosting a costume party Friday, October 26th. \$3 w/costume, \$5 without.

FAMPO (Fall All Member Party Orientation) is open to ALL co-op members and their friends. To be at Phoenix House, October 27th, with a Halloween theme!

OFFICER MEETINGS

Education: Tuesday, 10-23, 6pm, Phoenix

Membership: 10-23-01, 7pm, TBD

Maintenance: 10-17-01, 8pm, Phoenix

Treasury: 11-01-01, 7pm, Union

NASCO CONFERENCE

Will take place November 2-4 in Ann Arbor. Still a few scholarships available!

Send more dates to pinepress@hotmail.com.



Play soccer with the Outing Club! We're just out there for fun. Contact Kelly with more details.

Alternative weekends

Like the idea of Alternative Spring Breaks? Need a quick service fix?

Want to travel around Michigan? Well, MSU Alternative Weekends has a solution for you. This newly established group is in its second year at State, and provides several opportunities throughout the semester to travel across Michigan doing various community service projects.

There are two trips scheduled for fall semester: October 26 & 27 and November 16 - 18.

The October break: will be traveling to the greater Detroit area to work with Motor City Blight Busters on inner-city clean up

and community center activities. Cost \$35.00

The November weekend break: the group will head to the thumb area to volunteer at an outdoors camp for physically and mentally disabled youth. Both trips have spots for 12 volunteers. Cost \$30.00

If interested:

To sign up go to room 27 Student Services Building. Pay by cash or check. Make payable to MSU Alternative Spring Break. Trip costs includes transportation, lodging, and some meals.

If you have questions, contact Sara Ramsey. kvetching@hotmail.com 355-9368

Watch out for killer crickets. Especially those which have wings. Lizards aren't the biggest fans.





**Fall Session 2001
Board of Directors
Representatives**

- Atlantis**
John Kuchinski
- Bower**
Kristy Rogers
- Elsworth**
Andrea Szumlinski
- Ferency**
Steve Parpart
- Hedrick**
Julie King
- Miles**
Scott Hilliard
- New Community**
Jon Muzzall
- Orion**
Traci Kennedy
- Phoenix**
Drew Roach
- Raft Hill**
Jen Cole
- Shadowood**
James DiVita
- Toad Lane**
Kate Need

Ferency (cont.)

drums. Both of these handsome devils are single, in case any of you ladies were wondering.

Our second floor is graced with the presence of Roy Jorgenson, an Aquarius and everyone's favorite self proclaimed King of Ferrets. This fellow has been doing work for the SHC for some time now. He keeps himself busy with Tomatoes plants and his girl, Crystal from New Comm.

Next door we have yours truly (Libra) who lives with Katie Rehahn. Kate likes to read a lot and is currently trying to beat a computer game called Pharaoh. She is also a Pisces and the proud owner of the house terror, Liam the cat.

Across the hall from us is

Steve Parpart, another handsome and well-mannered gentleman. He is also single, if you can believe it. Steve is trying to learn the guitar, loves to chat on AOL instant messenger, plans to be a teacher some day and is the biggest Weezer fan you will ever meet.

Our third floor, which just so happens to be purple, is filled with three lovely young ladies. First we have Jen. Jen is training to be a nurse and wants to work in pediatrics. She's very good with helping to keep the house clean as well, so she is much appreciated by us all.

Caryn lives in the double next to Jen. Those two have been friends for a long time. She is a Scorpio and has mad skills with the violin.

Her roommate Andrea is a Gemini and a horticulture major who spends much of her day reading and spending quality time with her orchid.

In spite of occasional squabbling, Ferency is an awesome house. I was really fortunate to end up with these people. I have gotten to be really close to some of them.

We've made big plans to make our house even more personalized with new paint and some serious weeding in the front yard. We had hoped to have it done in time for our feature, but it was not to be.

If you feel like lending a hand and joining us for our work weekend, October 19-21 is the time to be here.

Summer canoeing with Shadowood

By: Cory Vowell

Each year, the Shadowood Co-op, a.k.a. Sigma Pi, sets off to the Appalachian Mountains for our annual canoe trip.

This year was a bit interesting, and fun for some. We arrived in a small, pre-industrial town, where we had some of the locals gas up our cars, and drive us to the docking point in the Cahulawassi River.

One of the funnier moments of the trip happened in that small town. One of our brothers, Abe, pulled out his guitar, and started jamming on it.

We all were singing and having a good time, when we found out one of the town boys could play too, except he had a banjo. There's no

jamming until you've jammed with a banjo, played by someone whose father probably was the inventor.

Further into the trip, after we got dropped off down river, the group about a half mile ahead of us pulled over to the shore to take a lunch break. Apparently they ran into a little bit of a situation there from some strange mountain men. Maybe he had a banjo.

Brad, a really funny big guy in our house, was really drunk, because when we got there he was running around hollering in just his whitey tighties. Some people it is simply hard to take out into public places, even in the wilderness.

They wouldn't really tell us the whole story, but boy we sure heard someone

squealing with laughter all the way down the river. They must have really been some funny hillbillies!

Later, we ran into some heavy rapids down river, and one of the brothers, Bert, fell out of his canoe and hurt both of his legs. Thank goodness we weren't hiking.

So, by the end of our trip, two of us were walking kind of funny and the rest were just hungover.

Hopefully next year will prove to be a little more fun. I can only imagine what could happen with the next crew!

Until then, our house will have to fill the winter blahs with some more creative and exciting stories. Only time will tell what will go on.

As a close on canoeing, Weeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeh!



Swiss Chocolate cake with French Vanilla frosting can easily be turned into a delicious mountain cake enjoyable by all. Key is in the "Swiss."

Feeling lost? Ask these guys!

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It's not too early to think about doing these jobs yourself next year. Ask the current officers about job descriptions.

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Special Thank To:

Becky Larson

Lisa Calhoun

Doug Whitten

Heaven and Hell: one night revisited...

By: *Renee Felan*

Two Fridays ago, on October 5th, Hedrick house hosted its fall semester party.

The theme was heaven and hell and the upstairs and downstairs were decorated accordingly.

In heaven, Uptown DJ's set the dance mood and Jeebus rocked hell with their creative musical talents.

It was \$3 at the door without a costume (\$2 for other co-op members) and \$1 with a costume. There were at least 450 people who attended and everyone had a great time.

Most of Hedrick's members were decked out and

costumes ranged from the devil to a pregnant whore to angels and a preacher.

Although everyone played a part in the planning and clean up of the party, I would like to send out a special thank you to Becky Larson and Lisa Calhoun who did an awesome job decorating. They used white sheets, balloons and crepe paper to create heaven. And red lights, crepe paper and balloons made up hell.

Another big thank you goes to Doug Whitten who really did a lot of cleaning after the fact. Overall, I think the party was a great success and I can't wait until our next one. Some tips for future party holders:

- 1.) Make sure that party-goers cannot easily access your phone/phone cords... they may disappear.
- 2.) Remove everything from the bathroom that you don't want destroyed (including plants).
- 3.) Make sure you clean out the showers after the party...you never know what happened in there the night before.
- 4.) Consider inviting Jeebus and/or Uptown DJ's to play at your party. They're both great!



A look into the life of Valerie Krasny—Bower...

I graduated from MSU last Spring with a B.A. in Mass Media Communication.

Yeah, I suppose that is something to be proud of but honestly, I want to be a student again. Sure it's fun to laugh at people when they have to study, watch movies while they cram, go to the Peanut Barrel on weekday nights and read whenever I want about whatever I want. But there is something more to the college experience that I really miss.

I work at the campus student radio station (The Impact 88.9 – turn us on!) and since it is student run, I must be a student in order to remain an employee there. So I have been taking a one credit Power Walking class.

Sure it's easy and I'm learnin' all about conditioning, nutrition, walking and stuff but I find myself getting jealous of people talking about class, and the interesting things they learn about.

My walking partner DJ

Benny Ben is also an Impact guy who is sticking around in E.L. for the station. We walk and talk about whatever comes to mind.

This week he is lecturing me on the foundations of hip-hop in American Culture. American Culture. What is American Culture and what influences it? How has music affected so many people in different societies?

Bands like The Velvet Underground encouraged

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Life can take some unique and interesting turns, and be very different for each person.

Mutterings of a Co-op President...

By: Megan Burt

I'm Megan Burt, President of the Student Housing Corporation. This is my column. I can't believe Kelly is still letting me write a column. I guess I'm not as bad as I thought I would be.

Today I write about a serious issue – yeah right! Actually, your Board of Directors has an interesting proposition before them that affects you and warrants your opinion.

It has been suggested that we, Student Housing CORPORATION change our name to the Student Housing COOPERATIVE, Inc. (We have to keep the Inc in there, it's some business thing, like the man).

We'd still be good old SHC and so you would not have to change the way you write your checks each month, on time, and stuff

like that, but perhaps we could better express what we really are.

There are obviously pros and cons to this, and I will lay them out systematically so as to not bias your opinion.

PROS:

- We could express what kind of organization we really are.
- It takes out the negative connotations of being a corporation with "a man" to bring everyone down.
- When mentioning where you live, people might be more apt to ask what it is.
- It would give us a chance to make the name our own, as every co-op group that joins NASCO is now dubbed "X Housing Corporation"
- We will sound like happy smiley people.

CONS:

- We will have to pay about 50 dollars to get our name changed
- Sometimes we get people who thought they had a regular land lord calling the office, who eventually sign with us. Perhaps the word "Cooperative" might not lead to that.
- We will sound like happy smiley people.

I hope you all take some time to think about this – heck, even talk to your house mates. However, you should take some time to make up your own mind and let your BoD rep know. They will have a poll for you to fill out so they can make the right decision at our October 29th meeting.

From the President With Dignitude- MBurt

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dissidents like Vaclav Havel (now president of the Czech Republic) in Czechoslovakia to change his society. Underground hip-hop culture that stemmed from the 70's soul music has given the African-American population of our country a contemporary medium to voice their ideals.

Thoughts upon thoughts.
Questions upon questions.

All during my fifty-minute power walking class. Questions are great, but I, for better or for worse, am a structured person. I crave answers to these questions. The more we challenge our capacity to

learn, the more answers we will have. I hope this is true, because I think grad school is the answer for me.

I miss those days where you ride your bike so fast just to get to class on time, only to find out that you have a pop quiz and luckily you studied the correct assigned readings. Once the class is over you think all day about what was discussed in class.

I miss sitting on the grass between classes trying to study but really checking out the hotties as they walk by.

You can see Valerie at any of Bower's potluck dinners.

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those of you who may be interested in auditioning for a show, LCP will be holding auditions for Breaking the Code on November 25th and 26th. The Sunday audition will be at 2 PM, and the Monday one will be at 7 PM. For more information, call the LCP office at 484-9115.

Bath Community Theatre Guild will be performing the play God's Favorite, by Neil Simon, on November 9th, 10th, 16th, and 17th, at the James Couzens Auditorium in Bath. Show times are at 8 PM, and tickets are \$8.

October Birthdays

Although some have passed, we'd like to put a shout out to all those who have October Birthdays. Enjoy this haunted month to its fullest!

Luscious 'N Delicious
New Comm
October 9

Andrea Hewitt
Hedrick
October 11

Nathan Foster
Toad Lane
October 12

Jeff
Raft Hill
October 13

Missy Grant
Hedrick
October 17

Julie King
Hedrick
October 19

Jack Oberg
New Comm
October 20

Drew
Raft Hill
October 27

Nadia
Bower
October 4



The “Big Game”— remembering hockey’s Cold War



By: Vikram Kamat

As most of you know, our university recently hosted a world record-breaking event.

No. 1 Michigan State played No. 5 Michigan to a 3-3 tie Saturday, October 6, 2001 in front of a world-record crowd of 74,544 at a lit Spartan Stadium. That shattered the previous record set in 1957 when 55,000 people watched the World Championship gold medal game between the Soviet Union and Sweden at Lenin Stadium in Moscow.

Michigan State freshman Jim Slater scored with just 47 seconds remaining in regulation to force overtime,

and both teams walked away with a point in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association standings and MSU held onto its first place lead.

Game time was at 7:05, but the festivities started much earlier for many MSU students and alumni. Thousands of fans all gathered in the afternoon to do some good ol’ fashioned tailgating.

The majority of tailgaters were located around the tennis courts south of the Duffy Dougherty and just east of Wilson hall. Many people were also tailgating in the surrounding parking lots of Spartan stadium.

All in all I would have to say that the event was a suc-

cess. Our fans got to show their school spirit to the rest of the state as the game was broadcasted on Fox Sports Detroit.

Other than a few alcohol related arrests I feel that the students and members of this fine University put on a great show.

For now the record belongs to MSU but Wisconsin’s head coach was interviewed on TV and said that there were plans for The University of Wisconsin to break the record at their football stadium in two years when they host Minnesota.

I guess we’ll just have to wait and see.

**A hockey rink in a
football field—
what a country!**

A good letter to send...

From an e-mail...

On the news, they are saying that the firemen are getting discouraged because they have not found anyone is more than a week. They leave out the part about the horrific conditions and sights they see, but through it all, they go on and on and on and on...

So here is an idea:

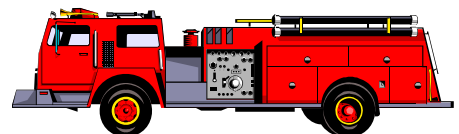
A Card-Writing Campaign.

Go out to your local card store and buy a "thank you card" writing a note expressing your feeling about the work they are doing. Send it to them at:

NYC Fire Department
1 Chase Manhattan Plaza
New York, NY 10005

Just think how powerful this message can be. If all of you pass this message to everyone you know, and they send it to everyone they know and if all of the people who get this note send a card, we can be the start of a miracle. (Kind of like when the Post Office delivers all the mail addressed to Santa to Kris Kringle in Miracle on 34th Street.)

Lets start our own miracle. Lets show these brave men how we feel about them. They need our support and encouragement.



Out of costume ideas?

By: Fred Longacre

With Halloween coming up, those of us at the Pine Press know that everyone in the co-op is looking for good and inexpensive costume ideas.

Well, we aim to please. Lansing Civic Players, at 2300 East Michigan Avenue, rents out their theatrical costumes to help cover the costs of putting on plays. In their inventory, they have over 10,000 costumes available for rent.

Their selection ranges from Renaissance, cleric, suits and dresses from the 1800's through today, and many animal costumes.

Rentals are based on how complex the costumes are, usually ranging from \$35-\$55. For more information, you can call them at 484-

9199.

The Salvation Army, at 2019 East Michigan Avenue, is another good place to look for costume ideas. If you want to go as a character from the 70's or 80's, much of the clothing donated to them fits in that era.

Also, there are two vintage clothing stores along Grand River; Chicken Heads, at 543 East Grand River, and Scavenger Hunt, at 321 East Grand River.

Of course, if these options are too expensive for you, we at the Pine Press have some ideas for cheap, and hopefully good, costume ideas.

One costume idea consists of a pack of balloons and a clear plastic bag. Blow the balloons up, and rip arm and leg holes in the plastic bag. Put the balloons inside

the bag, and tie the bag up around your head. Ta-da! You are now dressed as a bag of jelly beans.

A common costume idea from elementary school is to pin a whole bunch of socks and other assorted clothes to your body, and tell everyone that you are dressed as static cling.

A related costume idea would be to pin popcorn boxes, candy wrappers, and drinking cups to yourself, and tell everyone one you are dressed as a theatre floor.

A final idea, from the movie the Addams Family-just wear your own clothes. Tell everyone you're dressed as a serial killer-they look like everyone else.

Scare up some fun this Halloween with your perfect costume!



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Mission Statement

Our cooperative principles promote quality housing and services. As individuals we are empowered through democratic participation to create a community equally accessible to all. As an organization we are committed to expand the Cooperative movement.

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Living in a co-op next year?

Current house reservations can be made now through November 2nd.

This is reservation only, and no obligation is necessary. It only holds your place a bit longer.

Remember to submit! The Pine Press will be published roughly every two weeks.